

The players, parents, and coaches of the Southern Guam Little League represented Guam with pride throughout the 2008 Little League Baseball World Series competition. I commend the parents and coaches for their hard work and dedication to the players in their road to Williamsport. Most of all, I join with all the people of Guam and baseball fans everywhere in commending the Southern Guam Little League players who inspired us with their skills and their sportsmanship.

Congratulations and thanks for the memories.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF SUPERVISOR JOHN F. SILVA IN THE COUNTY OF SOLANO IN CALIFORNIA

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Madam Speaker, I rise with the support of my colleague, the Hon. GEORGE MILLER, in the House of Representatives to recognize Supervisor John F. Silva, as he retires after 53 years of public service with the County of Solano.

Supervisor Silva's career with Solano County began as a police officer in the Benicia in 1956. In 1978, he was appointed Benicia city manager. Following his time as city manager, he was elected to two terms as a city councilmember. Supervisor Silva was elected to the Solano County Board of Supervisors in 1997.

Supervisor Silva's outstanding service in Solano County also includes several achievements that significantly impacted the quality of life of the residents of Solano County. As supervisor, he was dedicated to representing his community and exemplified a strong work ethic. To address Solano County's escalating crime levels, he pushed hard for the successful development of a county-wide Gang and Drug Task Force. In addition, he was involved in the construction of the juvenile hall, the probation building, an award-winning new county administration center and parking facility.

One of Supervisor Silva's biggest achievements was his involvement in the program, Insure All Kids. Through the relentless fundraising efforts of supporters, the county was recognized by the State of California for achieving an astounding level of 96 percentile of health insurance for Solano County children.

The honors and awards Supervisor Silva has earned over the years are a testament to his hard work and dedication. This year, he has received the prestigious Circle for Service Award from the California State Association of Counties, as well as the Solano Transportation Authority's Outstanding Leadership in Transportation Award.

As Supervisor John Silva retires from his seat on the Solano County Board of Supervisors, I would like to thank him for his leadership and dedication to improving the quality of life for the residents of Solano County. I wish him and his wife Jan the best of luck in their future endeavors.

THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF
SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 15th Anniversary of South Texas College to congratulate them for enrolling 22,000 students, the highest amount enrolled in South Texas College's history.

The South Texas College was created by the Texas legislature in 1993 and signed into law by former Governor Ann Richards. They are only one of three community colleges in Texas accredited to offer bachelors degrees and the only community college in the state to offer two Bachelor of Applied Technology Degrees. Their faculty and staff of over 1,500 have been leaders in higher education by not only providing education to college students, but by providing unique workforce training programs and the College Express dual enrollment high school program. Partnered with sixteen school districts in Hidalgo and Starr Counties, these programs help minority students find a pathway to higher-paying careers in math and science.

In recent years, South Texas College received the MetLife Foundation's 2008 Community College Excellence Award for promoting educational and economic advancement, thirty-one Excellence Awards from the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development in 2008, and the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for 2003 through 2007.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize South Texas College for their record enrollment in 2008, and I thank you for this time.

IN MEMORY OF MARILYN LACEY
McMULLEN

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I inform the House of the death of Mrs. Marilyn McMullen of Mission Hills, Kansas, a lovely person and dear friend.

Marilyn, whom I affectionately called "Lace," was a proud graduate of Webster High School, Webster Groves, Missouri. She attended Milliken College and the University of Missouri, Columbia, where she graduated in 1954 with a Bachelor of Science degree from the College of Education and where she was a member of the Pi Beta Phi Sorority. She established scholarships at the School of Education in honor of her mother.

Marilyn taught second grade at LaDue Elementary School in St. Louis. She was a member of the Grace Bibb Society in support of the MU School of Education and a member of the Friends of the MU Library and MU Kansas City Alumni Club. She was also a member and a past Director of the MU Jefferson Club.

At Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral Marilyn had served in the choir and vestry. She was a long-time member for over 40 years and Director of the Altar Guild at the Cathedral.

Marilyn was a Cub Scout Den Mother and President of the Boy Scout Mother's Club. She also served on the Board of Bishop Spencer Place to whom she was very grateful for the wonderful care provided to her mother.

Madam Speaker, I know the members of the House will join me in extending heartfelt condolences to her family: her husband, Larry McMullen; her two sons and daughters-in-laws, Michael, Andrew, Bonnie and Yvette; and her grandchildren, Matthew, Hannah, Sarah, Rachel, Abby and Sophie.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT
OF MRS. PATRICIA M. BOYLE
FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE
NAVY

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Patricia M. Boyle of the Department of the Navy, who is retiring after more than 36 years of faithful service to our Nation, culminating in her service as the Legislation Specialist in the Department of the Navy's Office of Legislative Affairs.

Mrs. Boyle started her federal service in 1972 with the Office of Legislative Affairs as a Legislation Assistant. She was responsible for researching, routing legislation for comment throughout the Department of the Navy, and for maintaining all working files on current or past legislation of interest to the Department of the Navy. She worked in this position until July 1974.

She then worked in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Legal and Legislative Office, as a Legal Technician. She served in that position from July 1974 to December 1981. In that position, she helped coordinate comments on items of legislation and executive orders for the Chief of Naval Operations staff.

In 1981, Mrs. Boyle returned to the work at the Navy's Office of Legislative Affairs in Washington, DC, where she has remained since December 1981.

Mrs. Boyle has provided superb support as the Legislation Specialist to the Chief of Legislative Affairs within the Office of Legislative Affairs. This position marks the culmination of 36 years of Federal service in which she has continued to serve the Department of the Navy's legislative agenda. She has had a major impact on the identification of high-interest legislative items and the coordination of complete and thorough Navy positions to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the White House Office of Management and Budget, and Congress.

Responsible for acting as central coordinator for the Department of the Navy for more than 300 legislative proposals per year, she has consistently provided timely and thoroughly vetted Navy positions, thereby ensuring the Navy's interests were furthered. She monitored the progress of legislation critical to the Department of the Navy and communicated the status and any outstanding requirements to ensure that Navy leadership was fully informed of important legislative initiatives. Her diligent, thoughtful, and timely coordination ensured that the Navy's message was effectively communicated to Congress.